

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

With regard to the use of trademark TEFLON, Applicant has amended each of the occurrences of this word in the specification in accordance with the remarks in paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

With respect to claim 80, claim 80 has been cancelled without prejudice to its consideration in a continuing application.

With regards to claim 89, claim 89 has been cancelled without prejudice to its consideration in a continuing application.

With regards to the claims given a status of “withdrawn,” Applicant has included the text of these withdrawn claims in this amendment, in accordance with the MPEP. These claims, of course, remain withdrawn.

The rejections under 37 C.F.R. § 102.

Claims 30, 31, 33, 34, 42 60, 61 and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,755,868 to LaForge et al.

With regards to claim 30, Applicant has amended claim 30 to include the features of claim 32, which was objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 32 has been cancelled.

With regards to claims 31, 33, and 34, these claims all depend from claim 30, which has been amended into an allowable form.

With regards to claim 42, this claims has been amended to include the features of claims 43 and 44, which were objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 60, claim 60 has been amended to include the features of claims 61 and 62, claim 62 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 63 depends upon claim 60. With regards to claim 61 and 62, these claims have been cancelled.

The amendments discussed above are in compliance with paragraph 9 of the Office Action, and therefore Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of these claims.

Claims 21, 22, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 42, 60, 61, 63-65, 80, 87 and 89-92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,551,044 to Schultschik.

With regards to claim 21, Applicant has amended this claim to include the features of claim 23, this claim having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 23 has been cancelled.

With regards to claim 26, claim 26 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 26 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to make them dependent upon claim 26.

With regards to claim 28, claim 28 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 28 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 27 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 28.

With regards to claim 29, claim 29 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 29 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 22 has been amended to make it dependent upon 29.

With regards to claim 30, Applicant has amended claim 30 to include the features of claim 32, which was objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 32 has been cancelled.

With regards to claims 31, 33, and 34, these claims all depend from claim 30, which has been amended into an allowable form.

With regards to claim 42, this claims has been amended to include the features of claims 43 and 44, which were objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 60, claim 60 has been amended to include the features of claims 61 and 62, claim 62 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 63 depends upon claim 60. With regards to claim 61 and 62, these claims have been cancelled.

With regards to claim 64, claim 64 has been amended to include the features of claims 80 and 81, claim 81 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 82, claim 82 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 82 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 83, claim 83 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 83 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 85, claim 85 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 85 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 86, claim 86 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 86 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claims 87-92, theses claims have been cancelled without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

With the amendments discussed above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21, 22, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 42, 60, 61, 63-65, 80, 87 and 89-92.

Claims 21, 22, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 42, 43, 60-61, 63-65, and 87-92 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,715,167 to Ollearo.

With regards to claim 21, Applicant has amended this claim to include the features of claim 23, this claim having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 23 has been cancelled.

With regards to claim 26, claim 26 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 26 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to make them dependent upon claim 26.

With regards to claim 28, claim 28 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 28 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 27 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 28.

With regards to claim 29, claim 29 has been amended to include the features of the previous claim 21, claim 29 having been objected, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 30, Applicant has amended claim 30 to include the features of claim 32, which was objected, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 32 has been cancelled.

With regards to claims 31, 33, and 34, these claims all depend from claim 30, which has been amended into an allowable form.

With regards to claim 42, this claims has been amended to include the features of claims 43 and 44, which were objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 60, claim 60 has been amended to include the features of claims 61 and 62, claim 62 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable. Claim 63 depends upon claim 60.

With regards to claim 64, claim 64 has been amended to include the features of claims 80 and 81, claim 81 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 82, claim 82 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 82 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 83, claim 83 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 83 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 85, claim 85 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 85 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claim 86, claim 86 has been amended to include the elements of claim 64, claim 86 having been objected to, but otherwise found allowable.

With regards to claims 87-92, theses claims have been cancelled without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.

With the amendments discussed above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21, 22, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 42, 43, 60-61, 63-65, and 87-92

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schultschik '004 in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,877,329 to Noa.

With regards to claims 24 and 25, claims 24 and 25 have been amended to make them dependent upon amended claim 26, which was objected to but otherwise found allowable. With this amendment, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 24 and 25.

CLOSING

Applicants have cancelled claims 23, 32, 43-44, 61-62, 65, 80-81 and 87-92 and amended claims 21, 22, 24-30, 42, 60, 64, 82, 83, 85, and 86. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 21-22, 24-31, 33-34, 42, 60, 63-64, and 82-86.

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede any basis for rejections or objections in the Office Action. For those rejections based upon a combination of references and/or modification of references, there is no admission that the cited combinations are legally permitted, properly motivated, operable, or modifiable. Further, with regards to the various statements made in the Office Action concerning any prior art, the teachings of any prior art are to be interpreted under the law. Applicants make no admissions as to any prior art. The remarks herein are provided simply to overcome the rejections and objections made in the Office Action in an expedient fashion.

The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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